

Election / Restriction

In the Detailed Action, the Office set forth a requirement that the Applicants elect a single disclosed species from the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable:

- Group I: Corresponding to FIG. 3, a laser produced by the process of HPSEL production with the removal of the growth substrate and its replacement with a conductive plate serving as both an electrode and a structural support for the grown epitaxial structure of the laser;
- Group II: Corresponding to FIG. 4, a laser produced by the process of producing a top HPSEL production with the use of an etch-stop layer;
- Group III: Corresponding to FIG. 6, a laser produced by the process of HPSEL production with the use of wafer fusion; and
- Group IV: Corresponding to FIG. 7, a laser produced by the process of HPSEL production with the use of an epitaxial lifting-off process.

In response, the Applicants hereby elect to restrict prosecution of the present application to the species of Group I, which is set forth in claims 1-14. Accordingly, claims 15-34 have been cancelled. With this, the Applicants respectfully submit that the Office's

requirements in this respect have been met, and action on the merits of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

Listing of Inventors


In the last communication, the Office listed co-inventor Zhijiang Hang as the first inventor in this application. However, the application was prepared and filed with co-inventor Victor Lazarev listed as the first inventor. The Applicants most respectfully request that the Office correct the listing of inventors in the Office's records to have Victor Lazarev set forth as the first listed inventor.

Conclusion

In closing, the Applicants note that they believe that they have fully responded to all issues raised in the Detailed Action. If, after consideration of the present response, there remain any open issues in this application that possibly can be resolved by a telephone interview, then the Applicants' undersigned attorney most respectfully requests that he be called to discuss and attempt to resolve those issues.

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Respectfully submitted,


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